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Bristol Bay in DC: News for the Week of April 1, 2011

Save Bristol Bay Week in Washington, D.C. brought the stories of residents of Bristol Bay, Alaska to elected officials, regulators and residents of Washington, D.C. It also brought the national media spotlight to the risks posed by the proposed Pebble Mine.

To kick off the week, more than 200 chefs and restaurateurs – including Tom Colicchio, Alice Waters and Mark Bittman – sent a letter to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson, urging her to invoke Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act and protect Bristol Bay. Food blogs, D.C. media, chef blogs, and press from around the globe followed the story. Also, more than 20 D.C.-area restaurants

featured Bristol Bay salmon on their menus.

Author Paul Greenberg was terrific at our Congressional Reception and blogged on the Huffington Post about the plight of salmon through history and the need to save current fish stocks.

Bristol Bay will be protected because of the hard work by a truly unique coalition, including tens of thousands of individuals and thousands of organizations and businesses who represent Alaska Natives, anglers, outdoor equipment manufacturers, commercial fishermen, jewelers, chefs, restaurant owners and regular folks, like the three people who penned letters to the editor this week (see below).

Here's a roundup of media from this week. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Group brings fight to Washington
Mary Pemberton, Associated Press
Forbes

A coalition trying to stop development of a huge copper and gold mine in Alaska brought its fight to the nation's capital this week in an effort to protect the world's largest wild sockeye salmon fishery... Click [here](#) to read more

A Strategic Seafood Reserve?
Paul Greenberg
Huffington Post

On March 29th the Trout Unlimited team and I met with leaders in the Obama administration and members of Congress to talk about Bristol Bay, its central importance to American fisheries and the dire threat those fisheries face from the proposed Pebble Mine project, which could potentially wreak havoc on the greatest known salmon spawning grounds left on earth... Click [here](#) to read more

Remembrances of Fish Lost
Paul Greenberg
Huffington Post

As I look out across the wide landscape of fisheries, I am blown away by what seems to be our consistent desire to destroy the fish that we love most: Salmon. This is very much on my mind as I head to Washington, D.C., for a series of events planned by Trout Unlimited... Click [here](#) to read more

Justice O'Connor, EPA's Jackson to appear at anti-mine event
Patrick Reis
Politico Pro

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson and former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor are headlining a campaign this week to block a massive Alaska gold mine near one of the world's largest salmon runs...

O'Connor is hosting an invitation-only reception at the Supreme Court building Thursday for a coalition of conservationists, commercial fishers, sport anglers and Alaska natives who are in Washington this week to ask the Obama administration to ban the potential gold mine near Bristol Bay.

Jackson is scheduled to speak at the event, giving advocates access to the administration official who has the power to put that ban in place.

For years, mining companies Anglo American Plc and Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. have been exploring the "Pebble Mine project," a potential open-pit gold and copper mine near the headwaters of Bristol Bay. The partnership has not formally proposed to build a mine and insists that any mine it does build would be designed to protect the environment.

But the opponents say any mine would pollute the watershed that salmon depend on. They want the EPA to issue a pre-emptive veto of the Clean Water Act permit that the mine would need to go forward. The agency agreed in February to study the site to see how mining would affect the salmon fishery.

An EPA spokeswoman declined to comment on Jackson's role at the event or her position on the Pebble Mine, saying only that she would attend because she had been invited by O'Connor.

The Thursday reception is part of the coalition's weeklong D.C. junket to bolster its case against the mine. Top chefs met Tuesday at an upscale D.C. restaurant to serve Bristol Bay salmon. On Thursday, Democratic Sens. Mark Begich of Alaska and Maria Cantwell of Washington will host a congressional reception for the salmon advocates.

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Table to Table

Anna Spiegel

Washingtonian

Area restaurants are supporting wild Alaskan Bristol Bay salmon by featuring the fish in specials through Saturday, April 2. Widespread mining development is currently proposed for the Bristol Bay watershed, which could impact that aquatic population as well as fisheries, native Alaskans, and others who depend on it. Eateries such as Brasserie Beck and Equinox are participating... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble opponents talk fish with congress

Margaret Bauman

The Cordova Times

Also ran in: The Bristol Bay Times

An eclectic group of opponents of a proposed massive copper and gold mine in Southwest Alaska, led by Bristol Bay residents, converged on Washington D.C. in the last week of March, in defense of the world's last major wild sockeye salmon fishery... [Click here to read more](#)

Empire editorial: EPA must be unbiased in study of Bristol Bay watershed

Juneau Empire

President Ronald Reagan had it right with his joke about the most terrifying words in the English language being, "Hi, I'm from the government, and I'm here to help..." [Click here to read more](#)

Bristol Bay Campaign Reaches White House

World Fishing News

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Obama Administration heard loud and clear from a unique coalition this week: Save Bristol Bay and Stop Pebble Mine. With the health of the world's largest sockeye fishery in danger from a proposed copper and gold mine, the unprecedented, bipartisan Save Bristol Bay coalition... [Click here to read more](#)

American Chefs Protect Alaska's Bristol Bay

Farrah

The Alaska News

Nearly 200 Chefs and several public figures all around the nation have join together to lead the "Save Bristol Bay Week" from March 28-April 1, 2011. The purpose of this week-long event is to urge the US Environmental Protection Agency to protect Bristol Bay and Alaska's wild salmon from the potential dangers of the proposed Pebble Mine Project... [Click here to read more](#)

Chefs fight for salmon in Washington D.C.

Brandi Kruse, KIRO Radio

My Northwest

What started in restaurants around Puget Sound in November 2009 as an effort to save one of the world's largest salmon fisheries has made its way to Washington, D.C. A group of more than 200 chefs, retailers and food community leaders signed and sent a letter to EPA...

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Wild Alaska sockeye salmon threatened...

Chef News

For 3 weeks beginning in June the fishermen of Bristol Bay, Alaska, head out for the annual wild sockeye salmon fishing season, not only a long-standing tradition in this area, but also the livelihood of the Bristol Bay communities... [Click here to read more](#)

Celebrity Chefs lead Effort to Push EPA to Save Alaska Fishery, Block Mine

Scott Nance

Washington Current

A number of high-profile chefs are leading an effort to push the Environmental Protection Agency to block a new open-pit gold and copper mine that could dump toxic waste into an Alaska fishery... [Click here to read more](#)

Celebrity Chefs, Retailers, and Leaders In Nation's Food Community Call On White House And EPA To Save Bristol Bay And Stop Pebble Mine

Via PR Newswire

The Street

CHEFS, restaurateurs and food lovers from across the United States have called on the federal Environmental Protection Agency to use its authority to protect Bristol Bay, Alaska's wild salmon fishery from the dangers of the proposed Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

205 Chefs Say: No Mine Near Bristol Bay

Joel Connelly

SeattlePI

Ignoring the old axiom of too many cooks in the kitchen, 205 chefs, food writers and restaurant executives across the United States have signed a letter opposing a giant mine proposed near Alaska's Bristol Bay... [Click here to read more](#)

Chefs team up to protect Bristol Bay

Seafood Source

A handful of celebrity chefs are calling on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to protect Bristol Bay and the region's salmon fisheries by opposing Pebble Mine, a proposed mineral exploration project in southwest Alaska... [Click here to read more](#)

Save Bristol Bay in Washington DC this Week

Lisa Byrne

DC Event Junkie

From March 27th – April 2nd over 20 local Washington DC restaurants will be featuring wild Bristol Bay salmon on their menus in support of the world's largest – and currently at risk – sockeye salmon fishery... [Click here to read more](#)

US Food lovers call on EPA to Stop Pebble Mine development

Fish News EU

CHEFS, restaurateurs and food lovers from across the United States have called on the federal Environmental Protection Agency to use its authority to protect Bristol Bay, Alaska's wild salmon fishery from the dangers of the proposed Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

Celebrity chefs, retailers and leaders in nation's food community call on White House and EPA to Save Bristol Bay

Ted Williams

Fly Rod n' Reel

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Letters to the Editor: Less Government not better

Barbara Belknap, Juneau

Juneau Empire

The editorial in the March 31 Empire ("EPA must be unbiased in their study") begins with a quip from Ronald Reagan saying that the most terrifying words in the English language are, "Hi, I'm from the government, and I'm here to help." So, we can surmise that the Juneau Empire management favors "the less government, the better"... [Click here to read more](#)

Letters to the Editor: Gold, greed and tax relief for millionaires

Alan R. Munro, Juneau

Juneau Empire

On Thursday, March 31, the Juneau Empire pages were totally loaded with really revealing information: On the front page we read about the City and Borough of Juneau and the Alaska Juneau Gold Mine and this joint effort to setup or upset Juneau's downtown relatively happy natural resources... [Click here to read more](#)

Letters to the Editor: More than Fish

Taylor Harbison, age 14, Tok

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

To the editor:

The Pebble Mine will kill tons of fish and it will change my Native culture. I will not be able to show my kids what it was like when I grew up, I will not be able to fish in Bristol Bay with my family... [Click here to read more](#)

Fish Food (a sprinkling of things you need to know)

Betsy Rothstein

MediaBistro - Fishbowl DC

*Speaking of Restaurant Crashing... Rude it may be. But hungry journos with offices in the Farragut North area may want to crash an Equinox event at 2:30 p.m. today in which samples of exquisite salmon will be passed out. Chef Todd Gray, who is cooking the salmon for the event, is joining a coalition aimed at saving Bristol Bay and stop Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

Alaska lawmaker plans to continue pushing for scientific study of proposed Pebble Mine

Becky Bohrer, AP

The Republic

House Majority Leader Alan Austerman says he's not giving up on a state-funded effort to study the effects of the proposed Pebble Mine on the Bristol Bay region. Austerman hopes the issue can be advanced at an upcoming Legislative Council meeting. Last year, the Legislature allocated \$750,000 for an independent, scientific study. But the council's chairwoman has said that money could revert to the general fund after a panel failed to figure out how best to approach the study... [Click here to read more](#)

Lobbying the Legislature is big-money business in Juneau

Sean Cockerham

Anchorage Daily News

Lobbying the Alaska Legislature is an increasingly lucrative job for the top professionals, with nearly a dozen lobbyists reporting they collected over \$400,000 in fees last year from interests looking to influence the state's lawmakers. Developers of the proposed Pebble mine led spending on Alaska lobbyist salaries. Oil companies and the cruise industry were also among the major spenders and treated lawmakers to meals as they pushed for tax reductions, according to disclosure reports... [Click here to read more](#)

The Debate Over Pebble Mine in Alaska

Native America Calling

Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment

The Bristol Bay watershed in southwest Alaska contains one of the last great salmon river systems on the planet. It is home to the world's largest sockeye salmon runs. It is also home to an ore body that may hold the world's largest deposit of gold and one of the largest deposits of copper. The debate over the Pebble Mine, an open-pit and underground mining project... [Click here to read more and listen](#)

Food News Roundup

DC Guide

Savor Bristol Bay Week ends this weekend (March 27-April 2). The week long campaign seeks to stop a gold mine near Bristol Bay in Alaska to protect the wild sockeye salmon that flourish there. Over two dozen of the Districts restaurants are participating by featuring the Bristol Bay Salmon on their menus... See the post [here](#)

A Week of Salmon

Ladies Who Brunch

As part of a large effort to save Bristol Bay in Alaska and protect the waterway and surrounding area from a new gold and copper mine, DC chefs are uniting this week to feature wild Bristol Bay salmon on their menus. More than 25 DC restaurants are joining the cause to Save Bristol Bay. The participating restaurants include Brasserie Beck, Equinox, Grilfish, multiple McCormick & Schmicks locations, Restaurant Nora, Oceanaire, Poste Moderne Brasserie and Urbana... See the post [here](#)

This Week

Bitches who brunch

When making dinner or lunch plans this week, make sure you put the 25+ restaurants in the Savor Bristol Bay campaign at the top of your list. These restaurants have joined together in this campaign to protect the wild sockeye salmon that flourishes in Bristol Bay, Alaska. Check out the full list [here](#), as they will all be featuring the amazing wild Bristol Bay Salmon on their menus this week... See the post [here](#)

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